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In re application of Corpus, Carol

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For: MULTI-LAYER SURFACE
COVERING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2000, Applicants elect **with traverse** the subject matter identified by the Examiner as group (I), claims 1-18, 38 and 39. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The restriction requirement contends that the application is drawn to two separate inventions. The Examiner requires restriction on the ground that the inventions are patentably distinct from each other since the process as claimed allegedly can be practiced by another materially different product or that the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product, such as attaching a removable release liner to the adhesive before adhering to the surface. The Applicant believes this restriction to be improper and respectfully traverses this requirement.

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